

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): Solid pigment ~~Pigment~~ preparations including as essential constituents

(A) from 60 to 90% by weight of at least one pigment,

(B) from 10 to 40% by weight of at least one nonionic surface-active additive based on polyethers, and

(C) from 0.1 to 10% by weight of at least one anionic surface-active additive based on sulfonates, sulfates, phosphonates or phosphates,

the sum total of the weight percentages not exceeding 100% by weight.

2. (Original): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (B) comprises alkylene oxide block copolymers.

3. (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (B) comprises alkylene oxide adducts with at least bifunctional amines or alcohols.

4. (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (C) comprises arylsulfonates and/or ether sulfates.

5. (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (C) comprises ether phosphates.

6. (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, in the form of granules having an average particle size from 50 to 5000 μm and a BET surface area of $\leq 15 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

7. (Previously Presented): A process for producing pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, which comprises wet-comminuting the pigment (A) in aqueous suspension in the presence of some or all of additive (B) and in the presence or absence of additive (C), subsequently adding additive (C) if the wet-comminuting was carried out in its absence, and then drying the suspension, if necessary after the rest of additive (B) has been added.

8. (Previously Presented): A process for pigmenting macromolecular organic or inorganic materials, which comprises incorporating pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1 into these materials by stirring or shaking.

9. (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 8, wherein said macromolecular organic or inorganic materials are for pigmenting coatings, paints, inks, or finish systems, where a liquid phase comprises water, organic solvent or mixtures of water and organic solvent.

10. (Previously Presented): A process for pigmenting macromolecular organic or inorganic materials using color-mixing systems, which comprises incorporating pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1 as mixing components.

11. (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 6, wherein the average particle size is from 100 to 1,000 μm and the BET surface area is $\leq 10 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

12. (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (A) is present in an amount of from 70 to 85% by weight, component (B) is present in an amount of from 10 to 30% by weight, and component (C) is present in an amount of 0.2 to 5% by weight.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by the specification at page 2, line 15. Claim 9 has been amended for clarity. No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.